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DIARY NOTES

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1. [REDACTED] telephoned to ask my reaction to his memorandum concerning the [REDACTED] and the Videograph Project. I told him that I would get it and give him an answer as soon as possible. I also told him that the official answer going back to the [REDACTED] should come from the Contracting Officer and not from the Office of Central Reference; he agreed.

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2. [REDACTED] was in to give me a brief rundown on his recent trip to the field.

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a. He thought that generally our Support people were doing a good job. [REDACTED] was well settled in [REDACTED] and had there a young man named [REDACTED] who was a grade GS-10 Logistics Careerist; [REDACTED] both felt that he was JOT caliber and had great potential. There was another youngster named [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] who was a finance type who also appeared to have good potential, somewhat less, I gather, than [REDACTED]

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b. Bill thought that our relations with the [REDACTED] at all these stations were good.

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c. I was surprised to have him report that when he told our people about the [REDACTED] exercise it seemed to be a boost rather than a hindrance to their morale. He said that many expressed themselves as being really pleased that the Agency had the courage to go through with this long overdue program.

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3. [REDACTED] were up to see me about a request for personnel statistics to go with our earlier budget submission projected through 1966. Since the report had to be submitted tomorrow, I told them to go ahead and take the figures which we had from our components and to disregard the suggested 10 to 20 per cent cut which was mentioned in Mr. Bell's letter a few days ago.

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4. [REDACTED] who is home from [REDACTED] was in to see me for a few minutes. He was well pleased with [REDACTED], the DD/S people he has working with him on Support Plans. He said that he believed the Plans, which I had not seen, were realistic; however, he was concerned about the communications aspects of them and was glad to have [REDACTED] there as a Planner. He was worried about the capability of the Office of Communications to support his Plan and so am I since we do not have very much flexibility in our present organization. He also believed that if our War Plans were going to mean anything we should have some stockpiles in Europe. He told me that his Plan had been sent in in pieces; it is entitled "CIA War Plan for Europe 100." (I should get hold of [REDACTED] and make sure that [REDACTED] has and sends me on it.)

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5. [redacted] was in to see me about using a consulting firm now working with the National Photographic Interpretation Center to look at our "501" program. It may cost as much as \$25,000. I told him to go ahead provided he could supply the money out of his budget. If, in fact, he should run into trouble at the end of the year, I could probably take care of him, but I told him to let me know immediately if it appeared that he could not take care of it. Joe was concerned about how effective he was going to be in the DD/I program unless he could get his Staff into the new building. I told him that I had some ideas on this possibility but that it was too early to consider them; I also told him that I would talk with him further after our move ~~which is now scheduled~~ was completed. ?

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6. [redacted] who has just returned from [redacted] was in to see me for a little while. She was in violent disagreement with the recent decision made by Headquarters to send out an Administrative Officer to take over all the administrative duties at the Station and at the same time reduce [redacted] total staff from four to three. She said that this was absolutely impossible and that there was going to be utter chaos before it was over. In addition to this, she thought that [redacted] was about the lowest form of animal alive and cited instance after instance in which he had ignored Regulations and did other things which she considered not to be in the best interest of the U. S. Government or the Central Intelligence Agency. I told her that I thought she should tell this to the Inspector General. I called Kirk and made an appointment for her to see him at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, 23 October. I also suggested that he might have [redacted] who is going to Europe within a few days, deviate, go up to [redacted] and make a full investigation of this situation. Kirk indicated that he thought this might be in order.

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7. Larry Houston and [redacted] were down to see me about the case of [redacted]; at

the same time the Director guaranteed him re-employment rights as a staff employee. No mention was made of his lump sum leave payment which he got at the time of his resignation. Now that he is being reinstated, SR Division states that it was never intended that he be required to repay this lump sum payment if he re-entered on duty as a staff employee. I now have a request to approve the payment of some \$900 to him for this purpose. Larry thought that as a matter of equity the man probably should be paid, but from a strictly legal point of view only the Director could do it. We agreed that I should call [redacted] and if Jack could give me a convincing story as to why we should pay this, I would sign off, citing at the same time that this should not be regarded as a precedent and that there should be clear understanding on any such cases in the future. (I have called [redacted] and asked him to stop by to see me on this case at his earliest convenience.)

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